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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for Aug: 17

SUBJECT.

Allowing private Candidates for the University Examinations.

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To Mr. A. V. Pattu Rao

No: 1730 dt 20-8-17.

Informs him that the University Council are not in favour of it.

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MEMO

On Petitions received by the Dewan.

No.

Date of petition.

Name of petitioner. M. A. V. Pattu Rao
Chalavaram
Bangalore.

SUBJECT.

Praying that private
Candidates may be
allowed to appear
for the Intermediate,
B.A., and M.A. Examinations
under Certain
Conditions

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Department of Education & Agriculture.

21.3.17 DO

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	The letter may perhaps be sent to the Registrar for being placed before the Univ. Council. Draft subd. for approval or other orders. SKV 22/3 — I agree D.M. 26/3
23.3.17	
Jd. Coll. 4 & 2/4.	
113	No 8015 d 2.4.17 to the Registrar, Mysore Univ. Forwards the letter & calls for the views of the Univ. Council in the matter.
160	From the Registrar, Mysore Univ. No 1091 dated 8.8.17. Forwards a copy of the res. of the Univ. Council declining applications for permitting private candidates to appear for the Univ. Exam. Re is for orders whether any reply to the letter is necessary. A reply to him, if necessary from the Registrar seems to be more appropriate. Subd. for orders. SKV. 10/8 — Let us give a reply. Please put up a suitable draft. D.M. 13/8
1	Subd. with a draft SKV. 14/8 — I agree D.M. 15/8

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

DIARY No. 4992

DEWAN'S OFFICE
Date of Receipt 21.3.17
Petn. Regr. No. 10958

Bangalore,
8 March 1917.
DIAL No.

Sir,

It is doubtless a matter well within your knowledge that a large percentage of young men of Mysore have been forced by poverty to terminate their studies just after their passing Matriculation or the School Final Examination. Many among them are possessed of superior intellectual capacities, but poverty drives them to the necessity of earning a livelihood for themselves and their dependents even before they pass thei teens - and they therefore take up service as Clerks, etc. in Government Offices or Commercial firms. Notwithstanding any amount of killing anxiety they may have to develop their intellectual capacities and improve their position in life the doors of the Universities are at present completely closed against them, as they cannot attend Colleges and produce attendance certificates or obtain admission to the Intermediat and B.A. Examinations as private candidates as in the previous years. The present regulations precluding the admission of private candidates for the Intermediate and the B.A. Examinations operate as a death-blow to their advancement in life, as without higher educational qualifications they cannot look forward to anything better than wrotting as clerks.

A kind perusal of the B.A. pass lists of the Madras University for the past 4 or 5 years will show that many private candidates have passed the B.A. Examination even in such branches as Physics, Chemistry and Geology for which College attendance is generally essential for the practical portions of the subjects. The B.A. Pass List of 1912 published in the

Madras

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Madras University Calendar of 1913 (which the writer has been able to possess) shows that as many as 42 private candidates without any College attendance whatever, have passed the B.A. Optional Division as follows :-

Branch I	-	Mathematics	- 3rd Class	- 2	
Branch II-A.		Physics	- 3rd Class	- 3	
"	III- G.	Geology	- "	- 1	
"	IV.	Philosophy	- 2nd Class	- 2	(8
			3rd Class	- 6	
"	V.	History	- 2nd Class	- 5	(28
			3rd Class	- 23	
				Total 42.	

This number represents only those who ~~were~~ purely private candidates and does not include those who partly attended a College and partly studied privately. If the latter are also to be included the number of successful candidate would be not less than four times as many.

The number of purely private candidates who passed in the English Division of the B.A. Examination that year is also as follows :-

2nd Class	- 4
3rd Class	- 39
Total	43

The above figures show that 42 purely private candidates graduated themselves in 1912. If the University had closed its doors against them also, as they have done in the case of the unfortunate poor young men of these days, they should have also been no better than the latter. The

regulations precluding the admission of private candidates are apparently quite arbitrary and have been framed without the least sympathy towards the poor young men who are not able to attend Colleges Classes. The pass list of 1912 referred to above shows that private candidates have scored success even i in such subjects as Physics, Geology & Mathematics. In histor and philosophy there are some second class passes also.

These facts clearly indicate the urgent necessity of provision being made for the admission of private candidates to the Intermediate, B.A. & M.A. Examinations and the poorer classes of people who have the ambition to acquire higher University education but who cannot afford to attend Colleges will feel highly grateful to you if you will kindly see that such a provision is forthwith introduced into the University Regulations. If it is considered inadvisable that private candidates should be admitted indiscriminately for all the science subjects, their admission may be restricted to at least such subjects as History, Logic, Philosophy, etc. for which practical courses of study are not essential. There can be no fear of any harm by such a course being adopted, but on the other hand opportunities would be offered to several poor officials of intellectual capacities holding small appointment in the Government to devote their leisure hours to the development of their intellect and the improvement of their position in life.

It may perhaps be apprehended that the privilege admission of private candidates may sometimes be misused by young students evading College attendance when they can well afford to attend College courses. As a safeguard against such a contingency it may be made a rule that only men of not less than 20 years of age will be admitted as private candidates.

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Another matter which may at the present time be urged for your kind consideration is the desirability of arrangements beeng made for Duplicate College Classes to be held in the mornings from 6 to 10 - 30 A.M. so that officials in Government Service or other occupations may attend the classes and become eligible for admission to the Intermediate and B.A. Examinations. This will enable them to devote their leisure hours for the improvement of their educational qualifications and pave the way for their general advancement. This is a question of vast importance in the interests of many ~~young~~ poor men who are anxious to acquire higher educational qualifications and they will remember your name with the sincerest gratitude if you will kindly do your best to bring it into operation.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. Puttu Rao

Mallesvaram.

Bangalore.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, B.A., K.C.I.E., &c.,

Dewan of Mysore.

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Serial No. 113

Diary No. of letter replied to 1997

No. 8015/Edn

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Registrar, Mysore University

Sir

~~I have the honour~~ I am directed to forward herewith a petition dated 14.3.17 from A.V. Subba Rao, Inalli-varam as regards allowing Private candidates to appear for the University exams under certain conditions, and to request the favour of your

over.

Date of issue 2-4-17.

Signed by [illegible]

SUBJECT.

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Hearing the matter
before the University
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Sec.y to Exec. Ctte

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22/3/17

List of enclosures,

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Examined by

GPB—10,000—28-2-11.

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Office of the Mysore University,

Dated Mysore, 8th **August** *191* 7.

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DIARY No. 829

SECTION Edn
FILE No. 12-16
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FROM

THOS DENHAM, ESQ., M.A.,
Registrar, Mysore University,
Mysore.

To

P.G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education & Agriculture,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.8015/Edn.12-16-113 dated the 2nd April 1917 forwarding a petition dated 14th March 1917 from Mr. A.V. Puttu Rao, Malleswaram, Bangalore, as regards allowing private candidates to appear for the University Examinations under certain conditions and calling for the views of the University Council in the matter, I am directed to state that the subject was after partial consideration at the meeting held on the 18th May 1917 referred to Mr. C.R. Reddy for drawing up a general note in the matter.

Mr. Reddy's note containing the following proposals was placed before the Council at the meeting held on the 21st July 1917 and the Council were not in favour of those suggestions.

(1) That candidates be admitted for all the University examinations including the Entrance even though they may not have kept terms at any of the recognised institutions. But

But this privilege shall not extend to those who have joined an institution. This last restriction is necessary in order to safe-guard attendance in schools and Colleges. In other words, bona fide private candidates will be admitted.

(2) To mark the difference between external candidates and those who have undergone regular training in institutions, the former shall be called Holders of the Entrance, Holders of the First Year and Holders of the B.A. certificates.

(3) In regard to M.A., in the case of which the ordinances do not contemplate residence, and where it is on general grounds inadvisable to insist on residence, all those that pass whether from Colleges or as private students will be given the same degree.

(4) Private candidates may be made to pay a slightly higher registration fee except in the case of M.A.

(5) Evening classes may be held as is done in many foreign Universities as part of the University Extension work for the benefit of those unable to attend during the day time.

A copy of the extract from the proceedings as well as a copy of Mr. Reddy's note referred to is herewith enclosed.

The application of Mr. A.V. Puttu Rao received with your letter is returned herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Registrar.

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Note on the question of allowing private candidates to appear for the University Examination under certain conditions.

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In many American Universities, notably Wisconsin, provision is made for admitting external students to the examinations and degrees of the University. A highly developed system of University extension requires some such provision as this to complete it and to bring it into organic relation with the University. Moreover in educationally backward countries every incentive should be given to clerks, teachers, and professional men generally to keep up their studies and an incentive such as the possibility of obtaining a degree affords is found to be necessary. Therefore I propose

(1) that candidates be admitted for all the University examinations including the Entrance even though they may not have kept terms at any of the recognised institutions. But this privilege shall not extend to those who have joined an institution. This last restriction is necessary in order to safe-guard attendance in schools and Colleges. In other words, bona fide private candidates will be admitted.

(2) To mark the difference between external candidates and those who have undergone regular training in institutions, the former shall be called Holders of the Entrance, Holders of the First Year and Holders of the B.A. certificates.

(3) In regard to M.A., in the case of which the ordinances do not contemplate residence, and where it is on general grounds inadvisable to insist on residence, all those that pass whether from Colleges or as private students will be given the same degree.

(4) Private candidates may be made to pay a slightly

slightly higher registration fee except in the case of M.A.

(5) I am also in favour of holding Evening classes as is done in many foreign Universities as part of the University Extension work for the benefit of those unable to attend during the day time.

The discouragement of private candidates is, in my opinion, one of the blunders of the present educational system. Many of those who while engaged in professional pursuits make time to study are men of obviously higher character and more initiative and energy than the average regular student. And so far from penalising such people and thwarting their legitimate ambitions, effort should be made to extend to them the recognition that is both their due and the country's need.

Sd. C.R. Reddy,
Offg : Principal,
Maharaja's College, Mysore.

"COPY."

Registrar.

Extract from the proceedings of the meeting of the University Council held on the 21st July 1917.

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III. Re. allowing private candidates for the University Examinations under certain conditions.- Letter No.8015/Edn.12-16-113 dated the 2nd April 1917, from the Secretary to Government, Departments of Education and Agriculture, calling for the opinion of the University Council in the matter.

Also Note by Mr. C.R. Reddy, containing the following proposals :-

(1) That candidates be admitted for all the University examinations including the Entrance even though they may not have kept terms at any of the recognised institutions. But this privilege shall not extend to those who have joined an institution. This last restriction is necessary in order to safeguard attendance in schools and Colleges. In other words, bona fide private candidates will be admitted.

(2) To mark the difference between the external candidates and those who have undergone regular training in institutions, the former shall be called Holders of the Entrance, Holders of the First Year and Holders of the B.A. certificates.

(3) In regard to M.A., in the case of which the ordinances do not contemplate residence, and where it is on general grounds inadvisable to insist on residence, all those that pass whether from Colleges or as private students will be given the same degree.

(4) Private candidates may be made to pay a slightly higher registration fee except in the case of M.A.

(5) Evening classes may be held as is done in many foreign Universities as part of the University Extension work for the benefit of those unable to attend during the day time.

Mr. C.R. Reddy's note was put to the vote.

2 votes were recorded for and 5 against.

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" Extract."

Registrar.

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SUBJECT 1687

Diary No. of letter replied to 829

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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No. 1730:

Date of issue

Signed by

To

Mr. A.V. Puttu Rao,
Mallesvaram Bangalore

With reference to his letter dated 16.3.17 addressed to the Dewan, Mr. A.V. Puttu Rao is informed that the Univ. Council are not in favour of allowing private candidates to appear for the University examinations.

By order

D. M.

for Y. Lm

over.

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